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Addendum

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PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan
for the period 1998-2001

Programme 9. Trade and development

1. At its 33rd meeting, on 25 June 1996, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 9, Trade and development, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.

Discussion

2. Several delegations expressed their support for the programme and welcomed the efforts at presenting a simplified programme of work. A number of delegations considered that some activities such as debt, poverty alleviation and economic cooperation among developing countries should have been emphasized. Some delegations expressed the views that the programme should reflect the agreements reached at the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

3. Several delegations were of the view that the amendments to programme 9 adopted by the UNCTAD Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget should be endorsed by the Committee.

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4. Some delegations stressed the importance of the work of UNCTAD related to land-locked developing countries and small island developing States. A number of delegations considered that the reference to land-locked developing countries under subprogramme 9.4 was not appropriate and that, in accordance with the agreement reached at the ninth session of UNCTAD, that reference should be more appropriately included under subprogramme 9.5.

5. Some delegations were of the view that subprogramme 9.5 should have not been included since there was no agreement on it at the ninth session of UNCTAD.

6. Some delegations stressed that the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States should be referred to in all subprogrammes.

7. Several delegations demanded to use the agreed terminology "countries with economies in transition", instead of "countries in transition" in paragraphs 9.7 (d), 9.13 (c) and 9.19 (a).

## Conclusions and recommendations

8. The Committee for Programme and Coordination was informed of the amendments proposed by the Trade and Development Board's Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget during its twenty-seventh session, held at Geneva, on 17 June 1996. The Committee requested the Secretary-General to submit a version of programme 9 revised in the light of the decisions that may be adopted by the Board at its forty-third regular session, to be held at Geneva from 7 to 18 October 1996, for the consideration of the General Assembly at its fifty-first session.

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